

REMARKS

Claims 26-40 are now pending in the application, with Claims 26 and 36-39 being independent. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

As to the restriction and election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the subject application contains sixteen (16) patentably distinct groups of invention and two (2) groups of species, and requires that one group and two species be elected. In order to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.143, Applicants elect Group I, Species A, and Species a. Of the new claims presented herein, at least Claims 26,27 and 29-40 are believed to be readable on the elected groups.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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